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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO
THE DUTY OF
DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed more than three months after the filing date of this application and after the mailing date of the first Office Action, but before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in this application.

The fee of \$180.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is enclosed.

PART II: Information Cited

Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following other information, whose relevance is discussed in Part III below:

PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified):

JP 07-000770 appears to be directed to a hollow-fiber membrane filter and its cleaning method. An English Abstract is enclosed.

JP 02-164423 appears to be directed to a method for washing a hollow fiber membrane filter. An English Abstract is enclosed.

JP 62-114609 appears to be directed to a hollow yarn membrane filter. An English Abstract is enclosed.

JP 61-107905 appears to be directed to a filter. An English Abstract is enclosed.

JP 09-271641 appears to be directed to the production of a hollow yarn membrane module. An English Abstract is enclosed.

JP 01-151906 appears to be directed to the production of a hollow yarn membrane module cartridge. An English Abstract is enclosed.

JP 61-167407 appears to be directed to the preparation of a hollow yarn filtration module. An English Abstract is enclosed.

JP 61-242607 appears to be directed to the preparation of a hollow yarn type module having a slit. An English Abstract is enclosed.

The following are remarks concerning the other information cited:

- International Search Report, dated February 18, 1998 issued in International Patent Application No. PCT/AU97/00855, which corresponds to parent U.S. Patent No. 6,555,005.

- Annex to the European Search Report, dated November 30, 2000 issued in European Patent Application No. EP 97 94 7659, which issued as EP Patent No. 0952885 and corresponds to parent U.S. Patent No. 6,555,005.

PART IV: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicant makes no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

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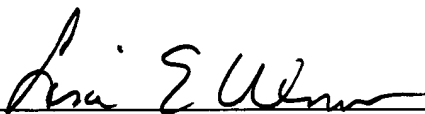
By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicant makes no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, in fact, prior art as defined by 35 U.S.C. §102.

Notwithstanding any statements by Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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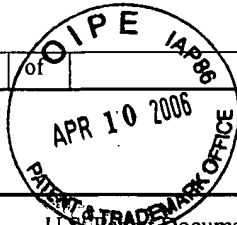

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		5,554,283		Brinda et al.	09-10-1996

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		JP	07-000770		Toshiba Corp.	01-06-1995	Abstract
		JP	02-164423		Toshiba Corp.	06-25-1990	Abstract
		JP	62-114609		Ebara Corp.	06-26-1987	Abstract
		JP	09-271641		Kanegafuchi Kagaku Kogyo KK	10-21-1997	Abstract
		JP	01-151906		Masayuki Kiuchi	06-14-1989	Abstract
		JP	61-107905		Toshiba Corp.	05-26-1986	Abstract
		JP	61-167407		Sumitomo Bakelite Co. Ltd	07-29-1986	Abstract
		JP	61-242607		Asahi Chem. Ind. Co. Ltd.	10-28-1986	Abstract

OTHER ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner's Initials	Cite No	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS) title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, relevant page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	Translation (Y/N)

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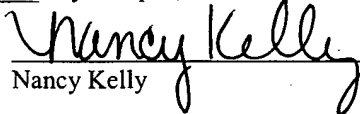
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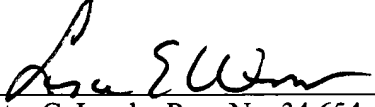
Transmitted herewith are the following documents:

- ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement,
Form PTO-1449 and references cited
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 395-7000.

A check in the amount of \$180.00 is enclosed to cover the IDS filing fee. If the fee is insufficient, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50/2762.

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